

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Mayor Van Orman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council, and Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs
Council Member Jenkins
Council Member Owens
Council Member Crump
Council Member Schuler (absent)
Council Member Olander
Council Member Langford

Doug Smith, Director, Community Dev.
Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Jessica Platt, Admin. Services Manager
Sean Boutz, City Attorney
Ann Swenson, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATION

Mayor Van Orman introduced Stephen DiJulio, who is an attorney from Foster Pepper. Mr. DiJulio gave his background as an assistant city attorney for the City of Seattle, city attorney for the City of Kent, and then on to private practice. He has represented city and county governments throughout the state for 30 years.

Mr. DiJulio then conducted his Governance presentation for the Mayor, City Council, and City staff. The program focused on structure and operation of City government, separation of powers, the role of the City Attorney and management of legal services, the Mayor's role, and Council and staff relations. Mr. DiJulio discussed public meetings, parliamentary procedures, public hearings and the hearing process, and public records. His presentation also included discussion regarding conflicts and ethics, the bases for disqualification, quasi-judicial hearings, prohibited acts and conduct controls.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Van Orman thanked Mr. DiJulio for coming to Liberty Lake to share his insightfulness. She then called for a five-minute recess, and the meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Prior to introducing the City of Liberty Lake 2009 budget, Mayor Van Orman reviewed the accomplishments made in 2008. She spoke about transparent government, improved communication, business development, local and regional partnership and collaboration, and new city staff members. The Mayor acknowledged Liberty Lake's designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community; the only one in Eastern Washington, and the City's receipt of the Tree City USA Growth Award. She talked about public safety enhancements such as a new police vehicle for commercial vehicle enforcement, the installation of a radar reader board in the school zone, and piloting the new sector project for Eastern Washington that allows scanning of drivers' licenses and registrations. Mayor Van Orman mentioned grants the City received for records management and the skate park. She also talked about capital projects including the City's first public art display at the new roundabout, signalization at Molter and Appleway, Phase I of Rocky Hill Park, and the acquisition of the new public safety building, which will also house the municipal library.

The Mayor then introduced the 2009 City budget. She indicated the budget reflects a conservative approach to meeting the residents' service needs and providing goals for the future. The proposed total budget is \$12,654,059, with the General Fund representing \$6,531,301 of that total, which is a 7% reduction from the original budget estimates.

Mayor Van Orman said many challenges and impacts from recent legislation were assessed when comprising the budget, including streamline sales tax and a 1% cap on property taxes. She talked about the current economic climate and the impact it has on the budget, and how the City will utilize efficiencies in 2009. In 2009, updates will be made to policies, the SAP for the River District, the park plan and the capital facilities plan.

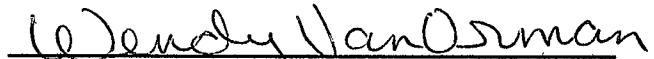
Mayor Van Orman discussed budget highlights, including business planning, capital facilities projects, streets, economic development and Trailhead Golf Course. She also talked about future issues including the slow economy, employee costs, tax limitations, the cost of energy and water consumption, increased construction costs and the economic development climate.

City staff members then presented information to the City Council for each of their sections, including mission statements, major 2009 goals, key performance measurements, and operating budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

These minutes are approved on November 18, 2008



Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



Ann Swenson

Notes and Transcription by Ann Swenson, Executive Assistant. This Council meeting was also audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk